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Title: METHOD OF AND DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING AND
AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLING THE THICKNESS
PROFILE IN THE PRODUCTION OF BLOWN FILM

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97(e)(1), the Examiner is hereby respectfully advised that the references listed on the attached sheet have come to the attention of Applicant and are being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. Applicant has identified the references on the PTO-1449 form attached hereto. Copies of the listed references are also included.

German references DE 3628201 A1 (which is an equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 4,606,879, illustrates a blown film extrusion apparatus. German references DE 4109385 A1, DE 4207439 A1 and DE 4218995 A1 illustrate air rings for segmental cooling of blown film. The cooling air is controlled by individual valves.

It is Applicant's opinion that the claims presently on file patentably distinguish the present invention from the enclosed references. The references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipate the invention or which would render the invention obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Applicant respectfully requests that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1), I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Thus, no fee should be due for this submission.

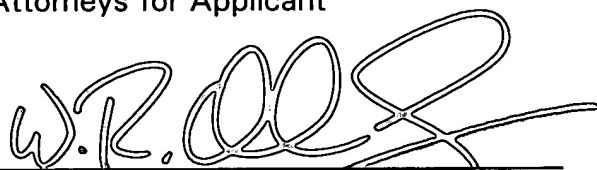
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